

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION

BRUCE DARNELL DOTSON II, #1432390 §
v. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 6:13cv888
WARDEN, MICHAEL UNIT, ET AL. §

MEMORANDUM ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
AND ENTERING FINAL JUDGMENT

The Plaintiff Bruce Dotson, proceeding *pro se*, filed this civil rights lawsuit under 42 U.S.C. §1983 complaining of alleged violations of his constitutional rights. This Court ordered that the case be referred to the United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1) and (3) and the Amended Order for the Adoption of Local Rules for the Assignment of Duties to United States Magistrate Judges.

Dotson complained that he was denied due process in a prison disciplinary proceeding. After review of the pleadings, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report recommending that the lawsuit be dismissed with prejudice as frivolous and for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. The Magistrate Judge determined that Dotson failed to show the deprivation of a constitutionally protected liberty or property interest, as set forth in Sandin v. Conner, 115 S.Ct. 2293, 2301 (1995). The Magistrate Judge also rejected Dotson's contention that the failure of state prison officials to follow their own rules is itself a constitutional due process violation, citing Myers v. Klevenhagen, 97 F.3d 91, 94 (5th Cir. 1996).

Dotson received a copy of the Magistrate Judge's Report on March 25, 2014, but filed no objections thereto; accordingly, he is barred from *de novo* review by the district judge of those findings, conclusions, and recommendations and, except upon grounds of plain error, from appellate review of the unobjected-to proposed factual findings and legal conclusions accepted and adopted

by the district court. Douglass v. United Services Automobile Association, 79 F.3d 1415, 1430 (5th Cir. 1996) (*en banc*).

The Court has reviewed the pleadings in this cause and the Report of the Magistrate Judge. Upon such review, the Court has determined that the Report of the Magistrate Judge is correct. *See United States v. Wilson*, 864 F.2d 1219, 1221 (5th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 492 U.S. 918, 109 S.Ct. 3243 (1989) (where no objections to a Magistrate Judge's Report are filed, the standard of review is "clearly erroneous, abuse of discretion and contrary to law"). It is accordingly

ORDERED that the Report of the Magistrate Judge (docket no. [13](#)) is hereby **ADOPTED** as the opinion of the District Court. It is further


ORDERED that the above-styled civil action be and hereby is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** as frivolous and for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. 28 U.S.C. §1915A. It is further

ORDERED that the Clerk shall send a copy of this order to the Administrator of the Three Strikes List for the Eastern District of Texas. Finally, it is

ORDERED that any and all motions which may be pending in this action are hereby **DENIED**.

It is SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 23rd day of April, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael H. Schneider", is written over a horizontal line.

MICHAEL H. SCHNEIDER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE